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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE: BAHRAIN'S VIGILANCE WITH RESTRICTING
TRAVEL OF DESIGNATED IRANIANS, CONCERN OVER BANKING ISSUES

REF: STATE 98419

Classified By: Ambassador William T. Monroe, reasons 1.4(b) and (d).

¶1. (C) The Ambassador delivered State 98419 reftel demarche July 17 to FM Shaikh Khalid, stressing our particular concern over Future Bank's reported intention to establish an operation in the Kish Island Free Zone. Shaikh Khalid said he recognized the importance of this issue and promised to look after it right way, instructing an aide to draft a note immediately to be transmitted to Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB) Governor Rashid Al-Miraj.

¶2. (C) Econoff will follow up with CBB Banking Supervision Advisor Richard Ellis on July 22 and will report any substantive response.

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